WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for operating a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) system,

2   comprising:

3   providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;

4   providing a ToL client window within said GUI;

5   manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and

6   preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of said

7   computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode.

1   2.   A method according to claim 1, said preventing including

2   monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing said pointing

3   device cursor from being moved to a location external to said ToL client

4   window.

1   3.   A method according to claim 1, said preventing including

2   monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor from

3   allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL client

4   window.

1   4.   A method according to claim 1, said preventing including

2   monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of inputs which

3   would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

1   5.   A method according to claim 1, said preventing including setting

2   a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other

3   functions.

1   6.   A method according to claim 1, said preventing including

2   maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized user from

3   de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1   7.   A telephony-over-LAN (ToL) system, comprising:

2   means for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;

3   means operably coupled to said GUI providing means for providing a

4   ToL client window within said GUI; and

5   means for preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of

6   said computer external to said ToL client window.

1   8.   A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including

2   means for monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing

3   said pointing device cursor from being moved to a location external to said

4   ToL client window.

1   9.   A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including

2   means for monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor

3   from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL

4   client window.

1   10.   A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including

2   means for monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of

3   inputs which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

1   11.   A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including

2   means for setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to

3   access said other functions.

1   12.   A system according to claim 6, said preventing means including

2   means for maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized

3   user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1   13.   A telephony-over-LAN (ToL) client terminal, comprising:

2   a microprocessor programmed to provide a ToL client window in a

3   graphical user interface of said ToL client terminal;

4   a mouse controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and

5   configured to receive signals from a cursor pointing device; and

6   a keyboard controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and

7   configured to receive signals from a keyboard; wherein said microprocessor is

8   programmed to monitor signals from said mouse controller and said keyboard

9   controller and not allow performance of other functions not related to ToL

10   operations.

1   14.   A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said

2   microprocessor is programmed to prevent a cursor from being positioned

3   external to said ToL client window.

1   15.   A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said

2   microprocessor is programmed to maximize said ToL client window and

3   prevent an unauthorized user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1   16.   A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said

2   microprocessor is programmed to monitor a manipulation of a cursor and

3   prevent said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause

4   an exit from said ToL client window.

1   17.   A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said

2 microprocessor is programmed to prevent processing of inputs from said

3 keyboard which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

1   18.   A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said

2 microprocessor is programmed to set a password to determine whether a

3 user is authorized to access said other functions.